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Psychoanalyst Erich Fromm Is Dead at 79 in Switzerland

MURALTO. Switzerland, March 18 (AP) — Erich Fromm, 79, Ger-man-born American psychoanalyst who was an apostle of love and pro-ponent of "alternative" life styles, died today at his home of a heart attack, family sources said. He would have been 80 or Sur den would have been 80 on Sunday.

Mr. Fromm was rated as one of the world's leading figures in the he word's reading figures in the psychoanalytic movement. Among his pioneering works were "Psy-choanalysis and Religion," "Healthy Society" and "The Art of Loving." In the latter, he advanced the thesis that love is the only sane and satisfactory answer to the problems of human existence. He felt that Western man had be-

came estranged from himself in industrial society and considered how man could come to terms with his isolation and insignificance.

In his best-selling book, "Escape rom Freedom," Mr. Fromm From traced the development of human the Middle Ages through the Re-naissance and Reformation to re-cent times. The book is regarded as a landmark in psychology, intellectual history and political philosophy.

Nuclear Policy

The alienation of man in a consumer-oriented society was theme of "The Sane Society, was the tiety," one of Mr. Fromm's most influential works. The title of the book in-spired the name of the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy, which he helped organize in 1957.

Mr. Fromm's concern about the prospects of nuclear war permeated another book, entitled "May Man Prevail?" In it, he contended that the hostility between the United States and the Soviet Union resulted from paranoid thinking based on misconceptions that the two powers

In "The Heart of Man," Mr. Fromm discussed the creative and destructive capacities of humankind and contrasted two types of personality: one attracted to death and decay, the other with a reverence for life.

Mr. Fromm was a vociferous crit-ic of what he felt were radical "vulgarized" interpretations of Sigmund Freud's theory that the repression of conflicts into the subconscious mind was at the root of psychoneu-rotic disorders. These radicals called for the abolition of all moralreligious barriers limiting the professed freedom of the "principle of lust.'

Mr. Fromm held that psychoana-lysts, like theologians, should wak-en the "voice of the conscience" and appeal to a patient's morality. He was saddened at what he felt



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was a process of self-alienation in Western culture, 'indifference toward oneself and toward others, and recommended a return to a simpler life style.

Authoritarian Forms

He sympathized with the humanitarian concerns of religion as exnessed in the teachings of Jesus and Buddha and by Jewish and Christian mystics, but opposed what he viewed as authoritarian forms of religion.

A native of Frankfurt, Mr. Fromm emigrated to the United States when Hitler launched his anti-Jewish campaign following the 1933 Nazi takeover in Germany.

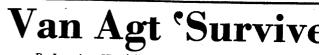
He lectured at several U.S. universities, including Columbia, Yale, New York University and Benning-ton College, and for several years was a professor at the National University of Mexico. He settled in Muralto, outside Locarno, in the late 1960s

His other works include "The Forgotten Language," "Sigmund Freud's Mission," "The Dogma of



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Christ and Other Essays on Reli-Christ and Other Essays on Ken-gon, Psychology and Culture," "Revolution of Hope," "Social Character in a Mexican Village," "The Anatomy of Human Destruc-tiveness" and "To Have or To Be."



By Jonathan Kandell

THE HAGUE (IHT) — "I will not paint things rosier than they really are," said An-dries van Agt, premier of the Netherlands. "To a great extent, I spend my time trying to survive". to survive.

Beyond French visions of grandeur and West German attempts to translate eco-nomic strength into political clout abroad, there is another Europe whose leaders seem almost overwhelmed by the weight of inter-nal problems and still skeptical that their continent is unified and strong enough to



warrant talk of an independent European

Such talk has reached a high decibel count lately. Earlier this month, the French President, Valery Giscard d'Estaing, on a trip through the Middle East, called for a European initiative to settle the Arab-Israeli conflict that would go beyond the peace negotiations sponsored by the United States. Since the beginning of the year, both France and West Germany have tried to forge a European response to the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan distinct from the harder line reaction advocated by the United States.

But as Mr. van Agt points out, "President Giscard d'Estaing does not have the right to pretend to speak for the European Community on foreign policy — at least, he certainly does not represent us." If other voices are not being heard, Mr. van Agt suggests, it is because most European leaders are looking inward. In Italy, Belgium, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Portugal and the Netherlands, heads of government make the news outside their countries more often than not for simply weathering another political crisis.

Like a number of his Like a number of his leagues, Mr. van Agt has ev political style to fit the stances posed by bickering razor-thin parliamentary says he would rather be view torate as an "apolitical" fi "arrefersional politicial" or professional politician" or ble statesman. He reminds I he did not particularly see ship. He gives the impression not be shattered to fall from is curiously ambiguous abo of another term in governn porters do well in elections next spring.

He even jokes that his fan move to his 17th century of because they felt he would h sign at any moment. So Mr. them on weekends in their southern Holland.

"It is not a political style developed in order to survi work and it is effective so I v said the 49-year-old premier at the official residence. "Pe is a need for strong leadershi tries. But there is a relucta someone who pretends to be

or political leader." His style, though popular part of the electorate, is no troversy. A seasoned diploma lowed Dutch politics for sev served that Mr. van Agt " contrary to all predictions, bu are made by his government portant issues like defense, bi other economic matters.

Mistakes Acknowle

"His tactic is to behave lik not a professional, to gain syi ploiting a widespread sentime cians should not be trusted," Uyl, Mr. van Agt's predece and now leader of the opposit

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